

REMARKS

The present amendment cancels the rejected claims and appropriately incorporates the element of one of the objected to claims into independent Claim 1, as outlined in the Office Action, so that all of the pending claims are allowable or have previously been allowed.

Claims 1-7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16-21, 26, 27, 29-32, and 41-51 are pending after entry of present amendment. Claims 1-7, 12, 14-25, and 28-41 stand rejected. Claims 13, 26, and 27 have been allowed. Claims 8-10 have been objected to.

Claims 9, 11, 14, 15, 22-25, 28, and 33-40 have been canceled. This is not a surrender of subject matter and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled subject matter at a later point in time. Claims 1, 29, 31, and 32 have been amended and Claims 42-51 have been added. Support for the new claims and amendments can be found throughout the specification and the original claims, for example, original Claims 1, 2, 3, 20, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 29-31; and paragraphs 0010, 0050, and 0055 and FIG. 1A. No new matter has been added by these new claims or amendments.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13, 26, and 27 have been allowed. Claims 29-31 now depend from allowed Claim 26. New Claims 42-49 depend from allowed Claim 13. New Claims 42-49 find support in original dependent Claims 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, and 21.

Claims 8-10 have been objected to; however, the Examiner has acknowledged that the claims would be allowable if rewritten to include the elements of the base claim and any intermediate claim. The sole element of Claim 9 (which depended directly from Claim 1) has been incorporated into Claim 1. As such, Claim 1, and those claims that depend therefrom (Claims 2-7, 8, 10, 12, 16-21, and 41), are clearly patentable. In addition, we note that new Claims 50 and 51 correspond to previous Claims 8 and 10 (in combination with Claim 1), and as such are also clearly patentable. As these amendments and new claims have merely incorporated the elements previously presented in a dependent claim form, these amendments and new claims do not alter the scope of the previously pending dependent claims.

As all of the pending claims have either been allowed, found allowable, or depend from an allowed or allowable claim, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and the application allowed to proceed to issuance.

The Previous Rejections are Now Moot

As noted above, all of the pending claims were previously acknowledged by the Examiner as allowed or allowable or they depend from one of these previously pending allowed or allowable claims. As all other claims have been cancelled, the Examiner's previous rejections in regard to §102 and §103 are now moot in light of the present amendments.

While Applicants have amended the claims in order to expedite an allowance of the instantly claimed subject matter, Applicants note that they do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections or characterizations of the cited art. Applicants respectfully submit that the previously pending claims are nonobvious and not anticipated. For example, Applicants note that contrary to the Examiner's assertions (Office Action pages 8 and 9), the power control unit recited in Claim 22 is not part of the preamble and should be given its appropriate meaning in the claim. Furthermore, as noted previously, it does not appear that the Examiner has addressed the elements recited in Claim 21 in the Office Action; thus, a *prima facie* showing of obviousness has not been established for this claim either. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that Ericksen does not teach a plurality of positions, but rather simply two positions. Regardless, the present amendments have made the Examiner's rejections moot.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication includes alterations to the claims, and characterizations of claim scope and referenced art, Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not

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reasonably infer that Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Co-Pending Applications of Assignee

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to co-pending Application No. 12/036,154, filed February 22, 2008, entitled "REMOTE CONTROL FOR VALVE AND HOSE REEL SYSTEM," which is owned by the present application's assignee.

CONCLUSION

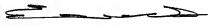
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request the same. If, however, some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by Examiner Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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